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MDC BIKEPATHS

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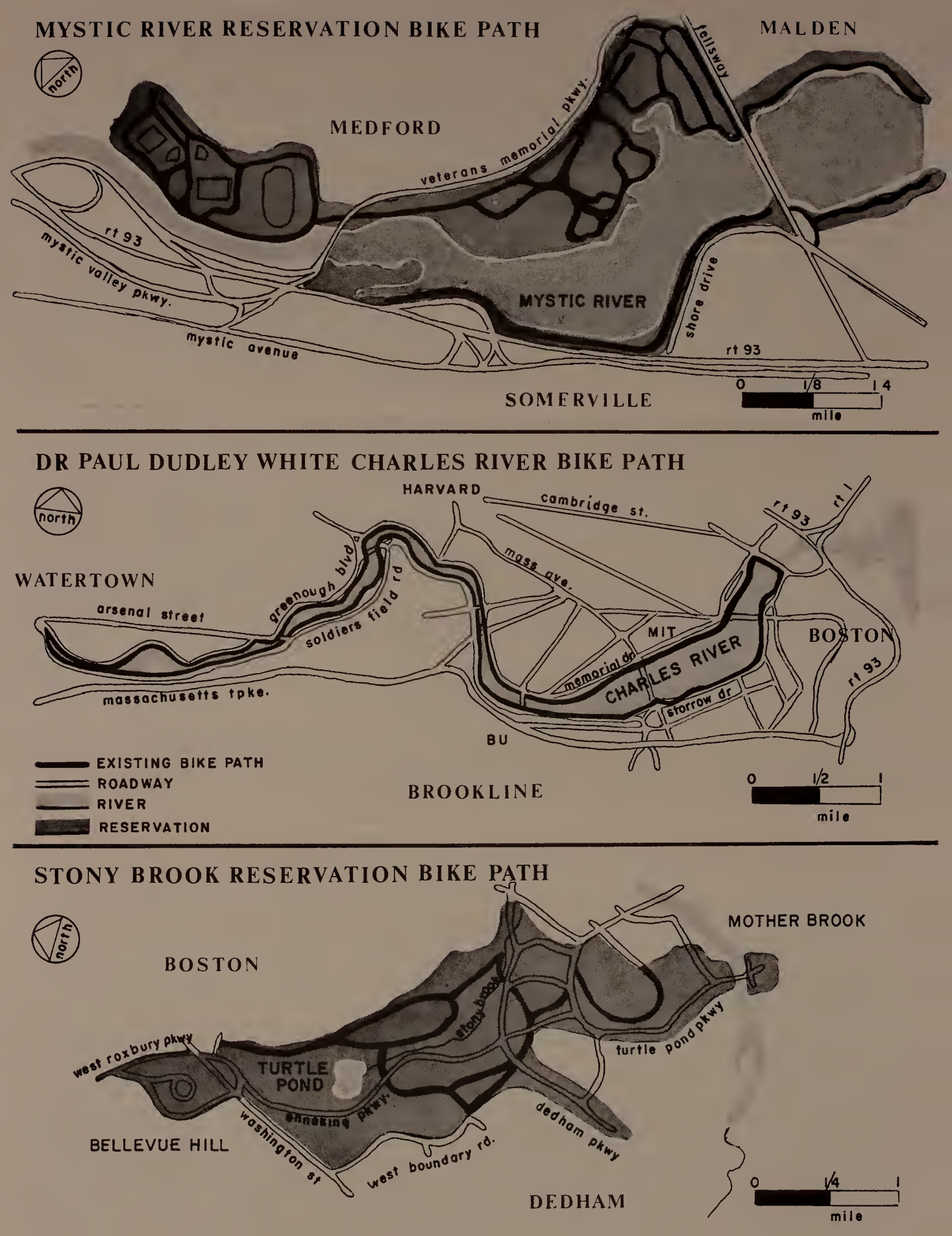
MYSTIC RIVER RESERVATION BIKE PATH
north
MALDEN
fellsway
MEDFORD
veterans memorial pkwy.
rt 93
mystic valley pkwy.
MYSTIC RIVER
shore drive
mystic avenue
rt 93
0 1/8 1 4
mile
SOMERVILLE
DR PAUL DUDLEY WHITE CHARLES RIVER BIKE PATH
north
HARVARD
cambridge st.
rt 93
rt 1
WATERTOWN
mass ave.
greenough blvd.
arsenal street
soldiers field rd
MIT
BOSTON
memorial dr
CHARLES RIVER
rt 93
massachusetts tpke.
storrow dr
BU
EXISTING BIKE PATH
ROADWAY
RIVER
RESERVATION
BROOKLINE
0 1/2 1
mile
STONY BROOK RESERVATION BIKE PATH
north
MOTHER BROOK
BOSTON
stony brook
turtle pond pkwy
west roxbury pkwy
TURTLE POND
hemlock pkwy.
dedham pkwy
BELLEVUE HILL
washington st
west boundary rd.
DEDHAM
0 1/4 1
mile

MDC Cycling

Bicycling enthusiasts now have a total of 28.3 miles of MDC bike paths traversing panoramic park and river scenery just minutes from the heart of Boston. Easily accessible via public transportation, the bike paths make commuting and exercise safe for the city's recreation enthusiasts.

Completion of the final phase of the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bike Path has opened the Charles River Basin -- from Watertown Square to the Museum of Science -- to commuting and recreational bicyclists, joggers, pedestrians, and roller skaters. Measuring a circumference of 17.7 miles, the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bike Path flanks both sides of the Charles River between the Galen Street Bridge in Watertown and the River Street Bridge in Boston and Cambridge. The bikeway runs from the Museum of Science along the Boston side of the Charles River through the Esplanade, to Watertown Square, then along the Cambridge side of the river on both sides of Memorial Drive, returning to the Museum of Science.

The Stony Brook Reservation offers an additional 3.7 miles of bikeway bounding Turtle Pond and continuing through the reservation in the Hyde Park-West Roxbury area of the city.

North of the city, the 3.5 mile-long Mystic River Reservation Bike Path begins on the Somerville side of the Wellington Bridge and continues west along Shore Drive, crossing under the General Lawrence Bridge and returning east along the Mystic River through McDonald Park to beyond the Wellington Bridge in Everett.

The Metropolitan Parks System was conceived in the 1890's in the belief that the surrounding Boston communities would derive more efficient and less costly benefits by joint operation of their parks services. Today, as an integral part of the Metropolitan District Commission, the Parks and Recreation Division maintains vast and diversified recreational offerings throughout the metropolitan area including 15,000 acres of parkland, 17 miles of beachfront property, and extensive tracts of riverbank along the Mystic, Charles, and Neponset Rivers.

For additional MDC bike path brochures, contact the Division of Parks and Recreation at 727-7090, or the Office of Public Information at 727-5215.

Additional Bike Paths

The State Department of Environmental Management owns and maintains the following bike paths throughout the state:

- Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, 10 miles,
- Cape Cod Rail Trail (Dennis to Eastham), 16 miles,
- Nickerson State Park, 8 miles,
- Martha's Vineyard State Forest, 10 miles,
- Freetown State Forest, 3 miles,
- Borderland State Park, 7 miles,
- Wells State Park, 5 miles, and
- Chicopee State Park, 3 miles.

For more information about these bike paths or for a copy of the Massachusetts Bicycle Atlas, contact the Department of Environmental Management at 727-3180.